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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Personnel Division, Comptroller, OSA
SUBJECT: SCOPE COTTON "Recapture" Personnel Actions

1. Discussions during recent SCOPE COTTON Briefings for DDS&T and for DNRO reiterated the need for retention of a capability for re-activation of the OXCART program through at least one year hence.

2. The OXCART airframes, engines, systems and tech data are in storage and will be maintained at a condition adequate to regain an operational posture when called upon. The supporting spares and hardware are being stocked in the Project Support Office (PSO) at levels ("5/90 kit") that insure attainment and initial support of that posture. Further refinements to this concept are presented in the "Regeneration Packages" (at Headquarters and the PSO) that contain pilot handbooks, aircraft recovery manuals, operational doctrines, etc.

3. The availability of OXCART-skilled personnel has been identified as probably the most crucial factor in a re-activation of the program. It was deemed necessary that close awareness be maintained on the whereabouts of these talents throughout this period of vulnerability. In this connection, the OSA Security Staff has disseminated a message to the OXCART Contractors requesting those activities identify personnel that were on-board in May 1968 in support of the program.

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4. In rounding out the Personnel aspects, recommend your office consider establishing a Master List that also identifies the military assignees to OXCART and whose skills would be vital in event of a program recall.



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